



CIVILIAN SIGN—Clarence (Chuck) Bolner from Del Rio and Dwight Brown of Dallas, left to right, admire the sign on the drill field designed by civilians in Dorm 16.

First One in 1912

Bonfire Record Set in '54

By FRED MEURER
'We'll build the biggest bonfire ever this year!'
This traditional cry has echoed clear across Aggieland—from the Old Administration Building to the creamery, bounding back to Anchor Hall and vibrating back to North Gate—year after year, as long as the Turkey Day bonfire has been in existence.
This year is no exception.
But what kind of records are the Aggies challenging?
According to Pinky Downs, the first bonfire was built in 1912. "It wasn't anything like the one today," he said, "It was built just like any other bonfire. Today's bonfire is just out of this world."
This year's center pole towers 66 feet into the atmosphere. Last year it was 60 feet high, plus an additional 15 feet made up by the familiar "tea house" and various unit flags.
The '54 mid-section boasted a height greater than either of these, however. The pole that year was 73 feet high.
The mass of wood collected each year to symbolize the "burning desire of every Aggie to beat T.U." is tremendous and grows nearly every year. The blaze of 1954 was estimated to have consumed 30,150

cubic feet of wood. The base covered 11,810 square feet of Aggieland. Its circumference was 150 feet; its diameter measured 48 feet.
The work necessary to collect such an amount of timber surely shows every Aggie's desire to beat Texas University.
Dry weather marked the 1955 fire. For the first time in 20 years no rain fell during the bonfire week. Aggies had no occasion that year to utter the statement: "This is typical bonfire weather." For the first time in history, civilian students were given the opportunity to guard the fire.
But tragedy marred last year's construction. On Monday night of

the second week, James A. Sarran was critically injured in an accident while standing guard at West Gate. He died three days later. Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, said to the best of his knowledge this was the first death due to a bonfire accident.
In 1954, things were all wet as far as the weather was concerned. It rained and rained some more. Working in the mud and drizzle, the Aggies built a huge fire. In that year, a disastrous event almost occurred. One evening, just after the men had returned from the cutting area for the evening meal, a T-28 trainer crashed near the bonfire. Debris scattered over the area, but luckily, no Aggies were hurt by the crash.
A false report that 25 carloads of "teasips" were headed for Aggieland to destroy the bonfire highlighted the '53 fire. Several "incidents" between the two schools did take place that year.
Finally, 1951—the year Aggies last beat the Longhorns—the bonfire stood 65 feet tall. It had rained all week, and determination to build the fire in spite of the weather must have sparked the team, for they emerged victorious—22-21.

Chest Misses Goal; Formal Drive Ends

The 1956 A&M College-College Station Community Chest—Red Cross Drive closed its formal drive this week with a total of \$10,230.76 collected toward the \$14,000 goal, according to a tally at 4 p.m. yesterday.
"We are getting more money all the time, and of course the drive never actually closes," Dr. John Milliff, co-chairman of the drive said. "We are confident of bringing the figure to \$11,000 very soon."
Several campus zone chairmen have not turned in their collections yet and Bryan Air Force Base has not yet said how much the contribution from its United Fund will be, Dr. Milliff said.
"There will be no extension of the formal drive now," he said. "The board of directors will meet in the near future to decide the reallocation of funds and some other questions."

SCONA Delegates Selected at A&M

Delegates representing A&M at SCONA II were named recently following interviews by Dean Walter H. Delaplaine, of the School of Arts and Sciences.
Regular delegates are Ivo M. Ferreira, Herbert W. (Bud) Whitney, Robert N. Bacher, Gerald L. Van Hoosier, Richard L. Howard, Charles T. Tucker and John T. Weatherford. Alternate is Gene L. Johnson.

New A&M Chapel Nearly Completed

Finishing touches are now being added to the A&M Chapel, and final work should be completed about the last of March or the first of April, Howard Badgett, Physical plants manager said yesterday.
Sidewalks and landscaping work remain to be done. Aisles will be installed as soon as possible, one of the workers said.
Floors then will be complete. Power utilities now are installed in the chapel but lights and other fixtures are still missing.
Nearing completion are the plumbing and air conditioning. Plumbing appliances are still crated but the water lines are in, leaving only the appliances to be installed. An air conditioning workman said the work is well along but "it will be a while" before his work is completed.
The ceiling and marble floors

inside the chapel are finished. The windows are in the main chapel and all the interior walls look almost complete.
The Biochemistry and Dairy Building should be ready for the departments to move into this summer and will be ready for classes next September according to plans. The creamery is only waiting for the processing and laboratory equipment to arrive which will be January or February. Marble floors are being finished and the exterior is almost completed, Badgett said.

Weather Today

Forecast calls for partly cloudy skies in the area. The high yesterday was a cool 66 degrees, and the low last night, 41. At 10:30 this morning the thermometer stood at 62 degrees.

Former Premier Nagy Feared Under Arrest

Texas Sports Fans For Probation Lift

Sports followers across the state apparently are in sympathy with A&M regarding the NCAA's refusal to lift the probation.
A letter to the editor published in the Dallas Morning News from four Dallas men suggests that the Texas A&M Band "be sought to perform during the half-time of the so-called 'Cotton Bowl Classic' so as to insure each ticket holder

of getting his money's worth of entertainment on Jan. 1, 1957."
In a Houston Press editorial, editor George Carmac dramatically defended A&M in its "raw deal".

Writing of "inspiration the come-up-off-the-floor Aggie footballers have shown this area and the nation" and using the 1955 A&M-Rice game as an example, he said "sports have never had a moment to surpass that."
Carmac concluded by saying "there's something fundamentally fine about a group of men who can come back from the depths of the preceding years the way the 1955 and 1956 Aggie teams have done."

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Bonfire Burns To Symbolize Aggie Spirit

"The bonfire that burns next Tuesday will symbolize just what its definition says and the feeling that the Aggies have the best team in the nation," said Dick Bernard, yell leader.

Bill Dorsey assumed a sour look when asked how work was progressing on stacking and replied, "Behind."

Bernard says a bottle-neck at the loading area is slowing work. Because of manpower shortage trucks stack up, he said.

Steps are being taken in stacking to insure that the stack will not spiral when it burns. A core of short logs were stacked first, upon which succeeding logs were leaned. Besides insuring uniform stacking, this method prevents undue stress being placed on the center pole.

Heretofore, a small hollow space left at the bottom of the pole created a draft of hot air on the pole where the first logs rested against it.

The tops of these logs and the pole burned out, causing the stack to collapse prematurely.

Baylor Coed Testimonial On Aggies

Apparently Aggies haven't lost any of their acclaimed ability to attract the opposite sex, judging by the reaction of a Baylor coed.

Talking to some of her friends last week, she made a statement designed to boost the morale of all Aggies. With all the innocence of the very young she remarked that "some very cute Aggies were present at the Baylor pep rally and bonfire before the A&M-Baylor game" several weeks ago.

She added that she thought "one of them was wearing the cutest riding outfit." Some senior made points anyway.

Texas Bankers Gather Here For Annual Short Course

An estimated 175 Texas bankers will be on the A&M campus from Sunday until Tuesday as students at the annual Texas Farm and Ranch School for Commercial Bankers.

Assistant Under Secretary of Agriculture Don Paarlberg of Washington, D. C. will be the featured speaker. Paarlberg is to talk at the first session Monday morning about "The Future of American Agriculture."

The school organizers had first arranged with Agriculture Under Secretary True D. Morse to tell delegates what lies ahead for farmers. Conflicting plans arose and the privileged fell to Morse's assistant.

The program this year is offering a practically complete guide

Bonfire Injuries

Seven students have reported to the College Hospital since yesterday morning to receive treatment for minor injuries received while working on the bonfire. This brings the total to 20.

Of these seven, there were three cases of poison ivy, one sprained ankle, two sprained fingers and one boy with a cut foot.

Kept in the hospital overnight, the boy with the cut foot was the only case so far requiring hospitalization.

Left Yugoslav Embassy by Bus

BELGRADE—(AP)—Yugoslavia protested to Hungary today that Imre Nagy and his associates who left the Yugoslav Embassy in Budapest yesterday under guarantees of safety have not returned to their homes. The Yugoslav announcement said nothing about their fate but the protest indicates this country fears they are under arrest.

Nagy is the moderate "independent" Communist leader whose brief premiership during early stages of the Hungarian revolution was ended by Soviet guns. He and his associates took refuge in the Yugoslav Embassy in an effort to avoid arrest.

Dobrovoje Vidic, Yugoslav undersecretary for foreign affairs, called in the Hungarian charge d'affaires this morning and told him the Nagy party, which left asylum in the Yugoslav Embassy in Budapest voluntarily under an agreement that none of them would be persecuted, were not in their homes.

Vidic said Nagy and his party left the embassy in a bus which was put at their disposition by the Hungarian government.

Among those departing was Julia Rajk, widow of Laszlo Rajk, the Hungarian foreign minister who was executed as a Titoist in October 1949. In addition, Vidic said, there were 15 women and 17 children.

Vidic asked specifically why they had not yet returned to their homes and stressed that the Hungarian government had given guarantees not to persecute them.

The action taken by the Yugoslavs will no doubt complicate relations between the Tito regime and the present Hungarian government, informed sources said. But they added that Yugoslavia will make every effort to see that the Hungarian government abides by its promise.

Morgan Praises Civilian Council

Dr. David H. Morgan, president of the college, praised the Civilian Student Council for work they have done in a talk last night at the body's regular meeting in the Senate Chamber of the Memorial Student Center.

He said that when he came here, civilian students had little part in activities of the college and now they are making rapid strides.

"The original purpose of the council was to develop leadership training among civilian students," he said.

He also said that though civilian life is progressing, more tradition is needed.

Boys Flee Girls As CHS Holds Annual Dance

The male population at A & M Consolidated High School will flee for their freedom today, when the girls at CHS take advantage of the annual Sadie Hawkins Day race to bag dates for the dance tonight.

The day will officially open at 3 p.m. today when a gunshot signals the start of the race at Tiger Field. Activities will end tonight with the annual dance from 8 to 11:30.

"We plan to line the boys up on the 10 yard line and the girls on the goal line," said Jim Johnston, president of the junior class which sponsors the event. "At the sound of the gun both groups will start running. The boy that each girl catches will be married to her at the dance tonight."

Persons attending the dance will wear costumes inspired by cartoonist Al Capp's characters who originated the idea of Sadie Hawkins Day held each year in Dogpatch, locale of Capp's "Lil' Abner" comic strip.

"The best costumes will win prizes," Johnston said. "The judging will be held while Judge Edward Logan marries the couples."

Carolyn Landiss Joins TSCW Club

DENTON, (Spl.)—Miss Carolyn Landiss, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Carl W. Landiss of 803 Dexter, College Station, has been initiated into Pi Lambda Theta, national fraternity for women in education at Texas State College for Women.

Requirements include earning a 'B' average in all work and a given number of education and other courses.

Rescue Crew Frees Two From Cave-In

DALLAS, (AP)—Rescue parties, working carefully for fear of setting off dynamite, last night freed two men buried almost nine hours in a sewer line cave-in.

Walter Hubbard, about 50, was freed at 6 p.m., seven hours after the sides of the 25-foot ditch caved in.

Arzetta Conger, about 30, who had been completely covered by dirt and shale was freed at 8:30 p.m.

Oba Cox, a third man working in the ditch at the time of the accident jumped free. He then joined in rescue efforts.

"They were boring holes to put in dynamite and the whole thing gave way," said Capt. Raymond Burres of the Dallas Fire Department. Hubbard, who apparently was standing up at the time of the cave-in was buried to the face. Conger, who was apparently bending over, was completely buried.

Rescue teams, hampered by cramped quarters and fearful of setting off dynamite sticks in place with electric caps, first had to free Hubbard before they could reach Conger.

After the rescuers had worked for an hour, they heard moans from Conger and worker frantically with their hands to uncover his head.

"Evidently there was an air pocket among the rocks," said Burres.

At one time it was feared it would be necessary to amputate one of Hubbard's feet, pinned under a rock.

However, all the shale and dirt were removed and he was raised from the ditch at 6 p.m. with a derrick and hoist by a harness placed under his armpits.

Workmen then devoted their efforts to free Conger.

BULLETIN

Jan Orman Means, business administration sophomore of Brownwood was treated for leg, back and forehead cuts at St. Joseph's Hospital early this morning following an accident near Bryan.

Officials at the hospital say his condition is "fair". They say he was admitted to the hospital at 4:20 a.m. today.

Means, a member of C Armor, was found in a 1956 Chevrolet near Ferguson Crossing on the Navasota River. Brazos County Sheriffs notified the A&M Campus Security at 4:30 a.m. today, according to the Chief of Campus Security Fred Hickman.

The Sheriff would release no further information at press time.